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Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act, 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES or INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE

ROTS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per Annum.

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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON,

Moscow.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. ALFRED THOMAS MANGER in our Firm, CHASED on the 30th day of June, 1884.

DOUGLAS LAFLAUX, & CO.

Hongkong, September 23, 1884. 1617

NOTICE.

MR. LOUIS JUDDE CRAIG to sign our Firm on account of leaving China, and we have authorized Mr. OSCAR NOODT to sign our Firm's Name from this date.

HERTON & CO.

Pakhol, 15th September, 1884. 1632

Prospectus.

PROSPECTUS  
OF THE  
CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN, 1884.

AUTHORISED by Imperial Decree  
Dated 4th December, 1883.

For Dollars 2,789,400,28 equivalent of Taels 2,900,000 and 7,17, in Bonds of \$500 each Hongkong Currency, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

Principal and Interest payable in Hongkong.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" " 6 " 4 per cent.

" " 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Drugs granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG

SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.

3.—Sums less than \$1,000 more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, friends, &c., etc., and the depositor's own account, however.

5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank may have \$100 more at their credit than their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their deposit for 12 months.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass Book, which must be presented with each payment on his deposit withdrawal. Depositor must not make any entries themselves in their Pass Books, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

10.—Orders containing Pass Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass Book are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

With Reference to the above, BUSI-

NESS will be commenced on the

1st May, 1884.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 718

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1884.

For Sale.

Lane, Crawford & Co.

BE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE NOW OPENED THEIR  
NEW FURNISHING & HOUSEHOLD DRAPERY  
DEPARTMENTS.

A very large Stock of entirely

NEW GOODS,  
SPECIALLY SELECTED FOR THE PRESENT SEASON,  
CONSISTING OF:

BRUSSEL'S CARPETS, BE-PIECE-FRAME  
QUALITY of PURE WOOLS, FAST  
DYES, and this year's Choicest Designa.  
BRUSSEL'S 2nd QUALITY and TAPES-

TRY CARPETS, durable, moderate in  
price, and the newest patterns.

KENSINGTON CARPETS from \$17 each.  
These are woven in one piece, bordered,  
fringed and reversible, they are most  
artistic and very suitable for Reception  
and Bed Rooms.

BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS, and  
CHILDREN'S COTS in great variety.

The Patent WOVEN WIRE and the EX-  
CELSIOR SPRING-MATTRESSES in  
all sizes.

HOUSEHOLD LINENS. A very large  
Stock of the best TABLE DAMASK,  
LINEN and COTTON SHEETINGS,  
QUILTS, COUNTERPANES, BLAN-  
KETS, &c., at low prices.

ESTIMATES given for FURNISHING  
throughout, or RE-COVERING FURNI-  
TURE.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1555

For Sale.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA HOTEL BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

NEW GOODS, JUST RECEIVED.

NUN'S VELVETS and BRIDES  
Cheap DRESS MATERIALS for Autumn.  
Coloured SATINs, GIANT STRIPES,  
STOCK STRINGS, SATINS and VELOURS.  
Coloured and White Wool SHAWLS.  
Infant's CLOAKS, HATS, &c.  
MOUSSE and LACE FRILLINGS.  
PHOTO FLAMES, FRENCH GLASS WARE,  
&c., &c.

Hongkong, September 23, 1884. 1614

SAYLE & Co.

BE TO inform the LADIES and GENTLEMEN of Hong-

kong that at their AUCTIONS, on

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & SATURDAY,

as per their Advertisement, will offer the Balance of their

SILK GOODS,

COMPRISED IN:

BLACK AND FANCY SILKS AND SATINS

in Pieces, Dress Lengths and Remnants.

Also, a few SETS of FAB TRIMMINGS.

An Inspection solicited. Commissions left with Mr. ROOKE

from those unable to attend will be executed.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, September 20, 1884. 1571

OVERSTREUNG TRICORD COTTAGE

PIANOS,

Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

FINEST OUCH.

Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250.

On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20.

Special attention is called to the fact that after having hired a Piano for 14 months, it will become without further payment the property of the hirer.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

Apply to Prof. A. VITA,

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Hongkong, July 14, 1884. 1159

NEUMAYER & CO., WEIDENSLAUFER & ROSENKRANZ.

Specially manufactured for this climate.

COMPLETE IRON FRAME AND TUNING PLATE,

Unrivalled for Brilliance and Sweetness of Tone.

FINEST OUCH.

Price for Cash, from \$230 to \$250.

On Hire, per month, from \$15 to \$20.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the Official LIQUATOR

OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUATORS of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of Notes will be required to furnish to the LIQUATORS of the Bank, a school in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

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## For Sale.

**MACKENZIE, FRIESEL & CO.**  
No. 63, Queen's Road East.  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS)  
ARE NOW  
LANDING FROM AMERICA.

**PROPOGAN BUTTER.**  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
CODEFISH, Boned.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb. bags.  
Bear Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb. cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.  
Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Bobbin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lions' HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Caviar CROWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
SUCOCOTASH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golde Syrup.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
HOMINY.  
HONEY.

**FAIRBANKS' SCALES.**

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb.

900 lb.

1,400 lb.

" "

**KAI-SAR-I-HIND CIGARETTES**  
in crystallized Boxes of 100 at 80.50 per mill.

**SPORTING AND RIFLE GUNPOWDER**  
in 1-lb. Tins.

**AGATE IRON WARE.**  
INSERTION RUBBER.  
TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

**HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMPS.**  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMPS.  
LAWN BOWLS.

**PAINTS and OILS.**  
TALLOW and TAN.  
PTICH and ROSIN.

Be late Arrivals from

ENGLAND.

**A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF**  
S T O R E S,  
including:

**ALMONDS and RAISINS.**  
French PLUMS.  
TETRYSIAN DESERT FRUITS.  
Jordan ALMONDS.

**FINE YORK HAMS,**  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
BREAKFAST TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

Digby CHICKS.  
Kennedy BLOATERS.  
Kippered HERRINGS.  
Herrings & SARDINES.

Lions' BACON in tins.

COCONUTINA.

Van HOUTEN'S COCOA.

EAT'S COCOA.

**SPARTAN.****COOKING STOVES.****CLARETS.**

**CHATEAU MARGAUX.**  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, plats & quarts.  
1825 GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET."

**SHERRIES & PORT.**

**SPOON MANZANILLA & AMON-**  
**TILLADO.**  
BACON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HORN'S PORT.

**BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.**  
1 and 3 Star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.  
COUVREUR'S BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KINAHAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENFIDDE WHISKY.

BOUD'N OLD TONIC.  
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.  
ROCK'S LIME JUICE, CORDIAL,  
NOVIA, PINE, &c., VERMOUTH.

**WHISKY.**  
MARSALA.

**EASTERN CIDER.**  
CHARTREUSE.

**MARSHMALLOW.**

**CURACAO.**  
ANGOSTURA BIKERS and O BAN-

**BITTERS.**  
etc. &c. &c.

**HARPS ALE, bottled by CAMERON and**

**SAUNDERS, pint and quart.**

**DAUGHT ALE and PORTER,** by the

Gallon.

**ALE and PORTER,** in hogsheads.

SPECIALTY SELECTED

**C I G A R E S.**

**Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA,** in  
5-cent Boxes.

**BREAKFAST DONGOU** @ 25 cents per lb.

**MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF**

**SAFES, CASES and PAPER**

**BOXES,** at Manufacturer's Prices

**Hongkong, August 15, 1884.**

## Intimations.

**D. K. GRIFFITH & CO.**  
MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON  
CERATED WATERS.

Have Removed from the BRADFIELD  
ARCADE to larger Premises

1, DUDDELL STREET.

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA, WATER, LEMONADE, TONIC,  
SWEETLETS, & RASPBERRYADE,  
etc., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

**D. K. GRIFFITH,**  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-

pany are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for CONTRACTORS may be arranged. Returns not tendered prior to the Thirty-first day of October next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
General Managers.

Hongkong, August 16, 1884. 1373

MEXICAN PACIFIC NAVIGATION  
COMPANY.

THE Company will Run STEAMERS

monthly from HONGKONG to the WEST  
COAST of MEXICO, via YOKOHAMA and  
HONOLULU. Commencing in OCTOBER

upon the Steamer Mount Lebanon.

The STEAMERS will proceed from HONG-

KONG to YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU; thence

to Mazatlan (direct), and from Mazatlan to SAN BLAS and MANZANILLO.

Through Bills of Lading and Passage-Tickets granted to all Mexican Ports.

For further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
General Agents.

Hongkong, September 1, 1884. 1459

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NETHERLANDS INDIA STREAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM BATAVIA, SINGAPORE,  
AND SAIGON.

THE Steamship *Compte*, having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods or

Claims will be admitted.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

Hongkong, September 22, 1884. 1605

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo

are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Yangtze.

M. J. (in dñs.) 507 (in dñs.) 3 cases, from

Marselle.

" " 509 " "

I. MARTIN,  
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 16, 1884. 1378

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAM-

BURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship *Lydia*,

Captain L. N. THOMPSON,

will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 29th Inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**REMEDIOS & CO.**

Hongkong, September 27, 1884. 1621

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessel.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

Anony.

Lyon.

S. Thygesen.

Sagami Maru.

Day.

Blow.

Louvre.

Roswell.

Vesie.

H. Plenge.

Lockhart.

Taylor.

Lowry.

Douglas.

Sydney and Melbourne.

Catterthun.

H. Craig.

Elektra.

Cascapedia.

Fraser.

Russell & Co.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Stansfeld & Co.

Remedios & Co.

Mossaceous Maritime.

Russell & Co.

Lee Wing & Co.

O. & O. S. & Co.

Russell & Co.

Lockhart.

Wade.

Douglas Lapraik & Co.

Gluckstadt.

Gibb Livingston & Co.

Melchers & Co.

Russell & Co.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Stansfeld & Co.

Remedios & Co.

Levy.

Payable.

Interest.

Rate.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

Mr. M. Co.'s steamer *Zembla*, with the new French and Australian mails, left Singapore yesterday, and the port of Friday, the 28th instant, at 2 p.m.

Tax-Government Astronomer reports.—The barometer has risen, at sea stations in China especially in Shanghai, but is still falling slowly over Japan. Fresh Eustacy broken low over the China Sea.

Messrs. Butcher and Swire notify us that the *Great Wall* steamer *Ulysses*, from London, left Singapore yesterday for Hongkong. She will be due here on the 2nd instant. The same company's steamer *Princess*, from Liverpool, will leave Singapore to-day, also for Hongkong. She will be here late on the 2nd instant.

The question as to the right of the Chairman of the St. Andrew's Society to give an ordinary vote and also a casting vote, has been referred by the Committee to one of our legal luminary, and one of our provincial citizens for decision. If the verdict goes against the Chairman, it is proposed to convene another general meeting of the Society to say whether St. Andrew is to be honoured this year by a ball or a banquet.

The community had another pleasant evening's entertainment provided for them last night in the Public Gardens by the Band of the Buffs under the leadership of Bandmaster H. Quinn. This gathering was not so large as usual, on account of the threatening aspect of the weather, but it was even more appreciative than usual. The "Turkish Patrol" played with great taste and precision, was loudly applauded and encore demanded. The other items in the programme were also much admired.

This afternoon, at 4 o'clock, the marriage of Miss Thornton and Mr. J. Bell-Irving took place in St. John's Cathedral. The ceremony was performed by the Colonial Chaplain. By ten minutes to four all the seats in the cathedral, and nearly every seat in the cathedral that afforded even a partial view of the ceremony were filled with spectators, almost all the ladies in the Colony attending to witness the ceremony. Very few of the leading male residents were absent. The cathedral, especially the chancel, was decorated with plants and foliage. Shortly before the entrance of the wedding party, "Silver Trumpets" was admirably performed on the organ by Mr. G. F. A. Sangster, the organist. The bride was dressed in an elaborate cream satin dress, trimmed with brocade silk. The three bridesmaids (Miss Bell-Irving and the two "Misses" Barff) also wore cream dresses and carried magnificent bouquets of flowers. Mr. H. Layton, Mr. C. D. Bottomley and Mr. J. J. Bell-Irving (brother of the bridegroom) were the groomsmen. The bride was given away by her uncle, the Hon. W. H. Marsh, C. M. G., Colonial Secretary. Mrs. Marsh was also present, as well as the Hon. W. Kesteven, several other members of the Legislative Council and General Servants. As the party left the cathedral the "Wedding March" was performed on the organ, and the bells were rung.

YESTERDAY, the masters of three Chinese cargo boats, registered in the Colony, were brought before Mr. Wise at the Police Court, on summons, charging them with unlawfully refusing to accept employment, when they were unemployed. Mr. F. Vincento wanted to engage the boats to take some cattle off to one of the French men-of-war in the harbour, but they all refused the job, stating at the time that they were afraid to do any work for him. Afterwards, two of the women set up the defense, in the Court, that they were engaged at the time Mr. Vincento wanted to engage them, but were unable to substantiate their statement, and were fined 50 each by the magistrate.

This morning eleven more masters and mistresses of cargo boats appeared at the Police Court on similar charges, preferred by the Messingene Maritime Co. The boat people had refused to engage in the discharge of the mail boat *Diamond*. All of them pleaded prior engagements, and the case against them was remanded by Mr. Mackay until Monday, probably to allow them an opportunity of obtaining evidence in support of their line of defense.

There is very little doubt that in this case, as in that of Mr. Vincento, the real reason for the refusal of the boat people to do any work for a French Company is fear that they will be marched home as having worked for the enemy, and will, in some way, either personally or through their friends in the mandarins, suffer punishment and loss of employment from the Chinese.

None of these charges have put in a place of law, nevertheless, in defense of these cases, so that it is impossible to say what will be the result. It is to be considered by the magistrates to be a good and sufficient reason for holding the employment offered. The Chinese would doubtless be far too straightforward and frank to be susceptible to the malice of

widespread among the working classes in the new French and Australian mails, left Singapore to-day, and the port of Friday, the 28th instant, at 2 p.m.

SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR TOMORROW.—SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.  
Cathedral.—  
8 a.m.—Parade Service, Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. The Bishop.  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. The Colonial Chaplain.  
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. The Colonial Chaplain.

St. Peter's Church.—  
8 a.m.—Administration of Holy Communion. Rev. J. R. Ost.  
5 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. The Bishop.

St. Stephen's Church (all services in Chinese).—  
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon. Revs. J. H. Lee and Fong Yat-Sau.

7 a.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Rev. J. B. Ost and Fong Yat-Sau.

It is not often such a coincidence happens as occurred lately in the "despatches" columns of the Times. This was the death within a few minutes of each other of Mr. Thunder and Miss Lightning.

The Marquis of Queensbury is keeping up the old mad name of the family. At Sunbury, while standing on the steps of an hotel, the pink of river costume perfection, he suddenly took it into his head to have a bath and plunged in then and there as he was.

Last week, writes a London correspondent, I saw Mrs. Langtry who has come over for a short provincial tour. She is scarcely the lovely woman I saw six years back in Jersey, but is very handsome and I was admiring her before it came upon me whom I was looking at. She was followed by a small good-looking Chinese boy servant, with a splendid tall tail and clothed in very fine blue silk. This boy attends her everywhere. Homeward bounders, if you can afford it (I say this advisedly for you will have to pay for playing the Rajah) and to arrange greatly at home, bring home a native boy and the bigger turban and the other. The increase of your hotel bills will show you how much you increase your importance.

The disciples of the Clermont in London are getting up a "Sustenance Fund," to meet the immediate necessities of the prisoner on his release, from penal servitude, and they are being aided by "Cobhamites" in Bristol, Leads, Nottingham, Oldham, and other provincial places. It was reported at the last meeting of the Cobhamite Release Association held in London, that a signature to the Claimant was in course of signature by the electors of Leeds, causing him to address them immediately he comes out of prison, and assuring him of their sympathy and support. It is probable, however, that the Claimant will make his first appearance at the East-End of London, where he has a band of devoted adherents. Much of his future will, it is understood, depend upon the terms of his ticket-of-leave, and which may be introduced restrictions which would consign him to obscurity so far as public demonstrations are concerned.

My last visit to the "Heatherine," says Figaro, was well timed, for I chance to be passing through the Machinery Western Annex just as two powerful workmen, in the employment of Messrs. Tilly and Co., were engaged in the preliminary boring for an Arctic well. The process is simplicity itself. A hole about a yard square and of a similar depth is dug in an iron tube of about twelve inches diameter, is driven in perpendicular as far as possible. The further operations are carried on inside this tube by means of a series of rods, which are screwed one on to the other, and are gradually forced down into the earth. The boring rod is provided with a kind of scoop in which the earth and sand and gravel is brought up; and though I did not remain long enough to see clear water obtained, there were evident signs after a comparatively short time, that a spring had been reached. A comparison of the process with that involved in digging a well of the old-fashioned kind is indeed most suggestive of the value of which science has come in these modern days.

**Victoria Recreation Club.**  
AUTOMIC SPORTS.  
Saturday, 12th September, 1884.

Umpires: H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.; C. S. Goodwin, Esq.; G. Grimble, Esq.; E. H. Barnwell, Esq.; "The Bull."

Starters: P. K. Long, Esq.

Boys' Race. (Over 14 years of age.) (2 lengths). (Handicap); 1st prize, value \$10; 2nd prize, value \$5.

This afternoon the annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club were brought to a conclusion. The weather was hardly so favorable as it was yesterday. There was a larger attendance of the public than was the case yesterday. There was as much interest taken in the competitions, some of which were admirably contested. Everything passed off very satisfactorily, and the Committee deserves the thanks of the public at large for the success and gratifying manner in which they made and carried out the arrangements of the meeting. There is apparently no decline in the interest taken in swimming matters, and as every year comes round aquatic competitions seem to become more popular. As we give our results and descriptions of to-day's contests:

4.01 p.m.: RACING HEADWAY FROM MINUTY: 1st prize, value \$10; 2nd prize, value \$5.

Patrics: J. Williams, Captain Barclay, C. A. Cornish, C. S. Barff, G. Grimble, J. G. Hendry, Machado, and W. Wilson.

Each race had three trials, and points were given for form, entry, distance and recovery. There was a lot of really splendid diving shown in this competition.

Goodwin, Grimble and Machado making

the best exhibitions. The Judges had great difficulty in deciding on the merits of these three, and required them to dive again in order to arrive at a decision. Ultimately the first prize was awarded to G. Grimble, who was in very pretty. Barff was declared second.

G. Grimble 1  
C. S. Barff 2

Boys' Race. (Over 14 years of age.) (2 lengths). (Handicap); 1st prize, value \$10; 2nd prize, value \$5.

This afternoon the annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club were brought to a conclusion. The weather was hardly so favorable as it was yesterday. There was a larger attendance of the public than was the case yesterday. There was as much interest taken in the competitions, some of which were admirably contested. Everything passed off very satisfactorily, and the Committee deserves

the thanks of the public at large for the

success and gratifying manner in which

they made and carried out the arrangements

of the meeting. There is apparently no

decline in the interest taken in swimming

matters, and as every year comes round

aquatic competitions seem to become more

popular. As we give our results and

descriptions of to-day's contests:

4.01 p.m.: SWIMMING UNDER WATER: 1st prize, value \$10; 2nd prize, value \$5.

Wilson, Arthur, Stephen, Goodwin and

Williams entered. Wilson had first try,

and starting from the sides and the

bottom, kept a pretty straight line of a

sufficient distance under the surface, to the

shock and, where he turned and came

about 1/4 of a length on his way back, the

distance being 102 ft.; time 40 sec. Ap-

proximately 100 ft. did the length of the

bath in 41 sec. Subsequent breakers passed

in the bath about half way down and term-

ing came in on the other side. Goodwin

was under water 57 sec. and had to swim

a straighter course, might have won the

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

(No. 6808.—SEPTEMBER 27, 1884.)

## THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the directors who presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's hotel, at 3 o'clock p.m., on Monday next:

In accordance with section 133 of the articles of association, the directors have now to submit to you their half-yearly report with statement of account for the six months ending 30th June, 1884.

*Hotel Building.*—The directors regret that they are unable to announce the completion of the repairs and alterations which have taken place, since the company's architect had them to believe would be completed. This is owing, in some measure, to faulty work, which was discovered as soon as it was put up. This has been taken out and replaced with red-brick and cement, and the building is now in a thoroughly sound state of repair. The only alterations of moment still to be completed are the corner shop, the new bar, and the main entrance from Pedder's street.

*New Wing.*—The contract has been signed, and the work is progressing satisfactorily; and when completed will give twenty-four additional comfortable bedrooms, which are much needed, besides enhance the value of all the hotel shops in the Queen's road.

*Profit and Loss.*—The accounts for the half-year, after deducting fire insurance taxes, and all charges, show a net profit of only \$81,42, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$2,905.06, making available \$3,131.08, which amount the directors propose to carry to next account, at the same time requesting that the profits have been well applied to admit of their returning the distribution of a dividend for this half-year.

Owing to the repairs and alterations being carried on throughout the six months, the hotel in all its branches has not been in proper working order, and all the rooms for some parts have been rendered uninhabitable and unproductive, and as these are a great source of revenue, it is natural to suppose that no better result has been achieved.

The directors not only anticipate a satisfactory result from the working of the current half-year, but a steady increase of business as soon as the workmen are out of the present building.

*Medical Adviser.*—Dr. Patrick Mannion has been appointed medical attendant to the hotel.

*Manager.*—Since last meeting, Mr Gray (an experienced hotel manager) has been appointed, and the directors have every reason to be well satisfied with his management.

*Directors.*—Mr Wm. Parrott, on the invitation of the directors, has joined the Board, and his election requires the confirmation of the shareholders. M. W. K. Hughes and Mr D. McCulloch retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

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France and England together would seem to unite in themselves all the qualities that intelligence and industry can develop, and the union of these two great nations, which, under the reign of a virtuous Queen, has steadily growing more and more, perfectly justifies the hope that only in the arts of war will they ever again be rivals, and that, hand in hand, they will ever be bound firmly enough to each other in the path of progress and liberty.

Let us conclude by quoting Voltaire's saying: "If I had had to choose my birthplace, I would have chosen England."

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N.B.—Documents should not be dated Year of Kuang-si, which is the style of H. M. the Emperor of China, and is of course inapplicable in a British Colony.

## Government Notification.

No. 56. HARBOR DEPARTMENT.

The following Rules regarding signalling at the Peak are published for general information.

By Command  
Frederic Stewart,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th February, 1883.

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